

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 13, beginning at line 28, with the following amended paragraph:

When the reduction treatment is carried out by a liquid phase method, there is no particular restriction on the temperature, but it is preferred for the impregnated carrier (B) or the supported catalyst (D) ~~(C)~~ to be at a temperature of about 10-200°C. The temperature is more preferably 20-100°C.

Please replace the paragraph that bridges pages 13 and 14, beginning at line 34 on page 13, with the following amended paragraph:

When the reduction treatment is carried out by a gas phase method, the temperature is not particularly restricted but the impregnated carrier (B) or the supported catalyst (D) ~~(C)~~ is preferably heated to around 30-350°C. The temperature is more preferably 100-300°C. When the heteropolyacid is loaded first, the reaction is preferably not carried out at above 350°C because this may cause decomposition of the heteropolyacid.